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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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 Rieko FUKUSHIMA et al.)
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 Application No.: 09/739,975)
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 Filed: December 20, 2000)
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 For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY)
 ELEMENT)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Final Office Action dated November 4, 2002, the period for reply having been extended by two (2) months by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed herewith, and in support of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith, please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 4, 16, and 17, without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter, and amend claims 1 and 14 as follows:

1. (Amended) A liquid crystal display element comprising:

a first electrode structure having a first transparent substrate, a first electrode formed on said first substrate, and a first rubbed alignment layer formed on said first substrate so as to cover said first electrode;